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SUBJ: KOREA AT 28TH UNGA

REF: A. STATE 162623; B. KUWAIT 2937; C. KUWAIT 3103 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: GOK HAS NOT YET MADE FINAL DECISION CONCERNING ITS POSITION ON ANY ASPECT OF KOREAN MATTERS LIKELY TO ARISE AT UNGA, ALTHOUGH WE BELIEVE GOK WILL FAVOR ADMISSION BOTH KOREAS TO UN IF MATTER COMES TO VOTE IN UNGA. DISCUSSION OF ISSUES WITH GOK DEL BY KNOWLEDGEABLE USUN DEL REP COULD BE USEFUL. END

SUMMARY

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH DCM AUG 27 RE KOREAN ISSUES AT 28TH UNGA, DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL DEPT ISSA AL-HAMAD STATED THAT GOK HAD NOT RPT NOT TAKEN FINAL POSITION ON CONCURRENT ADMISSION NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA TO UN. FONMINISTRY HAD RECEIVED DEMARCHES FROM BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA BUT IS WAITING UNTIL FULL DISCUSSION BY BOTH PARTIES AT UNGA BEFORE MAKING UP ITS MIND.

2. DCM PRESENTED AIDE MEMOIRE REQUESTING GOK SUPPORT FOR CONCURRENT ADMISSION NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA TO UN, NON-PREJUDICIAL TERMINATION UNCURK, AND DEFEAT OF ANY HOSTILE DRAFT RESOLUTION
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ON UNC ALONG LINES REF A. DCM EXPLAINED US POSITION ON ALL POINTS

BUT AL-HAMAD SAID HE NOT ABLE TO DEFINE GOK POSITION AT THIS TIME. DCM POINTED OUT THAT IT WOULD BE UNHELPFUL IF NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE ADOPTED A RESOLUTION OR "CONSENSUS" ON KOREAN ISSUE IN FORUM WHERE SOUTH KOREA WOULD NOT BE REPRESENTED. AL-HAMAD CONCURRED.

3. COMMENT: AL-HAMAD'S VERSION OF GOK POSITION RE ADMISSION OF BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA TO UN DIFFERS FROM THAT OF GOK PERMREP BISHARA (REF B) WHO STATED GOK WOULD HAVE NO RPT NO OBJECTION TO ADMISSION OF BOTH KOREAS. WE ARE INCLINED TO BELIEVE THAT BISHARA'S VIEW WILL PREVAIL BY TIME MATTER REACHES A VOTE IN UNGA.

4. GOK OFFICIALS REMAIN UNFAMILIAR WITH KOREAN PROBLEMS AND AL-HAMAD WOULD PROBABLY WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS SUBJECT WITH KNOWLEDGABLE USDEL REP, INCLUDING VALIDITY OF SOUTH KOREAN POSITION VIS-A-VIS THE NORTH, AND BACKGROUND OF UNCURK AND UNC. KUWAITIS TEND TO TAKESIMPLISTIC VIEW OF UNIFICATION PROBLEM WITHIN SCOPE OF THEIR GENERAL PREFERENCE FOR UNIFIED COUNTRIES, SO THAT THIS TYPE OF BRIEFING COULD BE VERY HELPFUL.
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